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Azov combatant sentenced to life imprisonment for gunning down a car with family members

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The DPR court gave a life sentence to an Azov combatant who gunned down a car with family members from Mariupol.

The Supreme Court of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) sentenced to life imprisonment the 25-year-old senior machine gunner of the separate special forces unit "Azov" (a terrorist organization banned in Russia) of the National Guard of Ukraine, Sergei Mikhailenko (Сергей Михайленко), who gunned down a car with family members from Mariupol. The Prosecutor General's Office of Russia reported this to Lenta.ru.

The serviceman was found guilty of murder of two or more persons, including a minor, committed by an organized group motivated by political and ideological hatred, attempted murder, as well as cruel treatment of civilians in occupied territory. He will serve his sentence in a special regime colony.

The court found that on March 19, 2022, the defendant, while in Mariupol, noticed a civilian car, at which, he and the senior commander of the combat position, fired multiple aimed shots from machine guns. As a result of the shooting, two men, a woman and a three-year-old boy died on the spot. Two other young children and their grandmother managed to escape.

Earlier, a court in the DPR sentenced two servicemen of the Azov brigade, who shelled a village with cannon, to 15 years in prison.